

2026 WAUKESHA COUNTY FAIR - LIVESTOCK RULES

- 1) Junior Class Eligibility:
 - a **All exhibitors in the Junior Division departments shall be members of a Waukesha County 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, or other organized youth organization under adult leadership (Church youth groups, Jr. Breed Groups, etc.) with an educational program approved by the Fair Board. All youth organizations looking to have the educational program's approval shall submit a request to the Fair Board by January 1st of the current Fair year.**
 - b **Junior exhibitors shall be between the ages of 9 to age 19 as of January 1st of the current fair year (with the exception of Mini Members).**
 - **Posted in 2025 & in effect for 2026:** All Junior Exhibitors must be age 9 by January 1. Exhibitors ages 5-8 on January 1 must register as Mini-Members only. Junior Exhibitor maximum age is 19 on January 1.
 - c **Mini Members are not allowed to exhibit any live animals.**
- 2) **Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Horses and Beef must be in place on Wednesday of Fair no later than 6 pm.** Lactating Dairy Cattle must be in place by 12:00 Noon on Friday, and may be released after 8:00 pm on Saturday.
- 3) **No animals can be taken home from the Waukesha County Fair prior to the release time of 7:00 p.m. on Sunday (with the exception of lactating dairy cows) unless excused by the Fair Veterinarian for health reasons or with prior written release approval from the Fair Livestock Committee. All animals must be removed from the Waukesha County Expo grounds no later than Sunday at Midnight. Failure to comply with this rule will result in loss of premiums and being put on probation as per the disciplinary guidelines.**
- 4) The Waukesha County Fair Assoc., Inc., will take every precaution for safekeeping of exhibits and livestock, but will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur. **Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident which may be caused by their entries.**
- 5) All animals exhibited must meet the health regulations as given in this premium book.
- 6) An exhibitor must maintain an acceptable and proper degree of care for their animal, including bedding, feed and water while at the fair. If these expectations are not met, the exhibitor will be placed on exhibitor probation for one year. If the exhibitor's degree of care is still less than acceptable during the year of probation, the exhibitor will be banned from exhibition for one year. The Waukesha County Fair Livestock Committee will decide on the care issue by majority vote.
- 7) Exhibitors, exhibitor affiliated members, youth leaders, owners, fitters, and anyone associated with exhibitors or exhibiting, or representing exhibitors or exhibiting shall, at all times, conduct themselves with the highest standard of honor and dignity along with honesty and good sportsmanship. Exhibitors are further required to abide by and agree to the Code of Show Ring Ethics along with the Waukesha County Fair Code of Ethics by entering in exhibits with the Waukesha County Fair. If the exhibitor's degree of conduct or exhibitor associates degree of conduct are less than acceptable based on the Code of Ethics expectations, the Waukesha County Fair Ethics Committee will decide on the consequence action, severity and execution of such consequences therein.
- 8) All animals must be tied, housed, or penned according to their club, designated group, or farm that the livestock exhibits were entered under. Any special requests can be submitted to the Livestock Committee when registering through the Fair software.
- 9) All animals must remain in barns or show area/wash rack. No tie outs are allowed.
- 10) The Fair reserves the right to conduct random drug testing on market animals exhibited at the fair.
- 11) Since this is a Junior Show, all livestock (beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine and horses) prepared for show should be clipped and fitted by the exhibitor and/or immediate family members (father, mother, brother, sister, or by approved Waukesha County Registered 4-H volunteers or Waukesha County FFA Advisors while at the fairgrounds. Any questions, please contact the Superintendent or Livestock Director.

*Fitting forms have been discontinued for 2026.

Failure to comply will result in not being able to show. The Fair Livestock Committee will decide by majority vote.

- 12) There will be no breed changes or exhibitor changes accepted after June 15th.
- 13) Judges' decision is final once awards are presented to exhibitor. No one may approach or question the judge's decision after judging is completed. Please refer to the Code of Show Ring Ethics along with the Waukesha County Fair Code of Ethics.
- 14) No animal or article shall compete for more than one premium except as part of a group in livestock exhibits or in showmanship.
- 15) Smoking will not be permitted in the livestock barns.
- 16) Fans are not provided by the fair. Any fans brought to the fair by the exhibitor are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors may use overhead fans. **NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED.**
- 17) All livestock being exhibited must be washed at the wash rack.
- 18) Judging information will be posted on the official judging schedule after June 15th.
- 19) Temporary tents (pop-up, ez-up, etc.) are only allowed for short term needs – fitting, show preparation, creating shade, or specified purpose approved by Superintendent and taken down promptly when use is no longer needed. If there any questions, please see Livestock Superintendent. Superintendent has final decision on acceptability.
- 20) Any youth livestock (beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, horses) exhibitor interested in overnight privileges during the Waukesha County Fair, please reference the [Overnight Rules & Disciplinary Guidelines](#) as well as the [Overnight Junior Fair Exhibitor Camping Application](#) on the Fair's [Entry Info](#) page.
- 21) If participating in Showman of Showman, exhibitor must be at least 15 years old by January 1.
- 22) Regarding Showmanship, exhibitor must show their own animal that they entered to exhibit at the Fair.